



Our Lady Help of Christians

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th July, 2025

Fr. Harry Curtis, Parish Priest

(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

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<p>Sunday, 6th July</p> <p>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass <i>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass</i> <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i></p>	<p><i>Dolores Steele</i></p> <p><i>Private Intention</i> <i>Agata Imaculada Alves de Souza</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Helen Cullen (Get Well)</i></p>
<p>Monday, 7th July</p>	<p>7.00 am Mass <i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i></p>	<p><i>Sr. Breda (Get Well)</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, 8th July</p>	<p><i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.15 am Mass</p>	<p><i>Robin MacDonald</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, 9th July</p> <p><i>Optional Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Comps.</i></p>	<p>No Public Mass Today</p>	<p><i>Nossa Senhora de Fatima</i></p>
<p>Thursday, 10th July</p>	<p><i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i></p>	<p><i>Barney Cornway</i></p>
<p>Friday, 11th July</p> <p>Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe</p>	<p><i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass</p>	<p><i>Sr. Maria</i></p>
<p>Saturday, 12th July</p>	<p><i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</p>	<p><i>Kathleen McGarry</i> <i>Kath Mullagh</i></p>
<p>Sunday, 13th July</p> <p>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p><i>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass</i> <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i></p>	<p><i>Private Intention</i> <i>Denis McVeigh</i> <i>Special Intention (MB)</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i></p>
<p>Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. <i>(Also at Sacred Heart on Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am.)</i></p>		

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Nora	Anne-Marie and Anne	This Weekend	Maureen
Zoja	Rachel and Sandra	Next Weekend	Shanthi
			Andreas
			Cecilia

Welcome to Mass at Our Lady's today.

Today, after all the celebrations of Lent and Easter, to say nothing of all the feasts since then, we return at last to "Ordinary Time" in the Church's Year.

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual building up and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in Jesus' words:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

*Our Parish Prayer: Help us, Lord, to receive you with an open heart this day.
May our community receive your grace and deepen its faith in you.
Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away
or who have never known you. Amen.*

Please pray for the sick, especially those people we know: Josie Griffiths, Claire French, Betty Duff, Beatrice Upham, Thomas Gaughan, Jean Carpenter, Nicky Clarke, Terry Jackson, Cheryl Jones, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Rosa Fernandes, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davies, Sr. Maria Debono, Inna, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle, Mary Barry.

Please pray for Fr. John Baggley, Anne Mary Newell and Gabriel Ignatius Drumm who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Louis McRaye, Canon Francis J. Grady, Frs. Leonard (Leo) Johannes Joppe, William Rooney, Vincent Leo Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Thomas Maddox, Brendan Mary Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetherington, Gordon Hunter, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon and Deacon Anthony Bateman, and also Thomas Griffin, Shirley Ann Milne, Gerald Amantrading and Peter Lynch. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Thomas Griffin (Anniversary).**

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Cake Sale. After the Masses this weekend the Salesian Cooperators will be selling cakes in the hall to raise funds for the missionary work of the Salesian Sisters in Myanmar.

Parish Accounts. There has been so much going on that there has not been time for this earlier, but members of the Parish Finance Committee will give a short presentation of the annual parish accounts for 2024 at the end of the Masses this weekend.

Young Adult Group (Ages 18-35+). The Young Adult Group continues to meet every Sunday after the 11.00 am Mass for games and weekly reflection. This week, we invite you to join us in the chapel for a special reading group. We will spend 20 minutes discussing paragraphs 1–5 of *Rerum Novarum*. All are welcome to join us!

Mass for Red Box Missionaries of Hope. You are invited to a special mission Mass in the Jubilee Year of Hope at St. Teresa's Church, Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL, this Saturday, 12th July. Bishop David Oakley will celebrate, and there will be refreshments after Mass.

WeBelieve is a celebration of Catholic life, to be held in the grounds of Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield, from Friday 25th to Monday 28th July. This event is for everyone and you can book as a family, group of friends or individuals. Visit the diocesan website for more details and to book tickets. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Car Park Lighting Appeal. We are collecting for new lighting. Donations would be very welcome. So far we have received £1,265.00 Thank you.

Called and Gifted – a journey of discovering your spiritual gifts – is coming to Corpus Christi, Headington, starting on Saturday, 13th September 2025. It is a process which helps you discern more clearly the particular spiritual gifts (known as *charisms*) the Holy Spirit has given you. Contact John Kirwan, johnkirwan1a@gmail.com or 07985098544 for more information and/or to register.

Fundraising events. The fundraising Committee have put together an exciting diary of events for the next half of the year. These include a Summer Fete, a Barn Dance, a chance for young people to meet Santa, a Christmas Market and a Carol Concert. These are fundraising events and also fun, social events. We need more people to be involved, to plan and help, please. More details will follow, but the first of these events will be a simple one:

Tea and Cake after the 11.00 am Mass next Sunday, 13th July. Get a cup of tea/coffee and cake for £5 (children £2), and buy a raffle ticket for the chance to win a prize. If you have any prizes to donate, please bring them in.

Global Debt Crisis - what can we do? We can sign the Worldwide Petition after Mass. As Nora said last week, in this Jubilee Year CAFOD is working with sister Caritas organisations around the world to call for urgent action on the global debt crisis. Many of the world's poorest countries are suffering huge debt burdens with devastating impacts on ordinary people. Pope Francis spoke about the need for action many times, saying, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice." You can sign the petition at the back of church, or you can do it on-line at www.action.cafod.org.uk/page/161357/petition/1

The Don Bosco Centre. Over time, a collection of plates/dishes/cake holders have gathered in the kitchen and several boxes of fruit juice are in the 'fridge. Would owners collect them from the kitchen if you want them, please. If they are not collected we shall recycle or dispose of them. There are also a lot of items stored in the cupboards which need to be sorted and if necessary cleared out, and then the cupboards can be cleaned. If anyone would like to volunteer to do this I should be happy to hear from you.

Tailpiece: The Rev. Blair Monie once offered this prayer at a church meeting: "Lord, I am so happy about how well I have done thus far today. I have not gossiped. I have not been rude. I have not been pushy. I have not been a know-it-all. I am really glad about that. But now I have to get out of bed"

**May God bless you and all those whom you love.
Fr. Harry**